

**Madison County Solid Waste Board
Minutes
January 24, 2007**

On Wednesday, January 24, 2007, a meeting of the Madison County Solid Waste Board came to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Sanitarian's Office. Members present were David Casebolt, Tikker Jones, Janet Dochnahl, and Jean Shipp. Others present were Ralph Hamler and Johanna Lester.

Review May 11, 2006 Minutes: Tikker Jones moved to approve the May 11, 2006 minutes. David Casebolt seconded the motion.

Review of Solid Waste Refund Requests: Requests were reviewed. Janet Dochnahl moved to approve the requests. David Casebolt seconded the motion.

Budget Review: Ralph Hamler explained the Solid Waste Revenue and expenses year to date for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

New Truck: Ralph Hamler discussed the need for a new truck. He explained that we have hired a new driver and the back-up truck is driving 5 days a week now. The county is growing and we need to keep ahead of the curve. We presently have \$406,400.00 in cash and can afford the truck. He would like to send out requests for bids and compare and crunch numbers. Tikker Jones motioned to recommend bids for a new truck and David Casebolt seconded the motion.

Recycling Update: Ralph Hamler presented spreadsheets pertaining to the tonnage of waste diverted through the Headwaters recycling program and monies received from the sale of cardboard and scrap metal. He said the county saved around \$60,000, the cost for the county to haul, by recycling cardboard and scrap metal. Approximately 200 tons of waste was diverted through the Headwater recycling program.

VC Container Site: Ralph Hamler discussed the fact that Robert Nevin has purchased the Virginia City Container Site from Bovey Restorations. Mr. Nevin has presented the county with a lease/purchase option wherein the site would be leased for \$1.00 per month for six months with the lease increasing to \$700.00 per month thereafter, or the County could purchase the site for \$90,000.00 from him.

Mr. Nevin also presented the Historical Society with a possible land exchange, the property adjoining the site for the container box site. The Historical Society does not like this idea, due to the fact that the site is visible from the highway and would require the County to shield the site from public view.

The cost to move the site to a new site would cost the County \$30,000 - \$50,000, not including the purchase price of the land. The County cannot afford the \$90,000.00 purchase price, therefore the Virginia City container site may have to be closed and the city's residents may have to use the Alder or Ennis sites in the future.

Twin Bridges Landfill: Ralph Hamler discussed an offer from Big Timber Recreation to dig a new pit for the Twin Bridges Landfill in exchange for the dirt from the new pit, for the company's mine. Ralph said the last pit cost \$50,000 to dig; therefore this would save the County a considerable sum of money. A soil sample will have to be taken to determine the suitability of the soil for the mine.

Mileage Reimbursement: It is the policy of the Solid Waste Board to pay mileage for a personal automobile when an employee on the Ruby side of the county is asked to work in Ennis.

Timothy Donahue V. Jefferson County: Ralph Hamler presented to the board the case of Timothy Donahue V. Jefferson County. As a result of the lawsuit Jefferson County will have to have a 36" high barrier in front of the container boxes. Ralph said it was important to be aware of the lawsuit.

Other: Jean Shipp asked how we could stop the container boxes from being burned. Ralph Hamler suggested public education on the dangers of dumping burn barrels into the container boxes. He suggested making brochures to hand out to people at the dumpsites and the Woodsy Owl Program.

Janet Dochnahl said funds in the amount of \$3000.00 are available from the Ennis Recycling program that the County could use. Ralph suggested distributing the funds through an annual scholarship fund in the amount of \$250.00 for the next 10 years.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.